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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. P. Co. Council Bluffs Lumber Co., coal. Crafts' chamber loans, 204 Sapp block.

If you want water in your car or house go to Bixby's, 302 Merriam block.

The Kimball-Champ Investment company has commenced a suit in district court against the board of equalization of Council Bluffs for the reduction of its assessment from \$40,000 to \$5,000.

The funeral of James Smith will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, corner of Seventh and Washington avenues, Rev. L. A. Hall of the First Baptist church officiating.

The funeral of James Smith will take place tomorrow afternoon from his late residence, corner of Myrtle and Seventh streets, at 2 o'clock. Rev. T. P. Frickston will conduct the exercises, assisted by Rev. E. H. H. P.

Regular communication Star chapter No. 47, Royal Arch Masons, this (Monday) evening. Members requested to be present. Business of the order. The usual social relations cordially invited. By order of M. E. H. P.

Josie Hulbert, the fifteen-year-old girl who has had so much unenviable notoriety in Council Bluffs yesterday afternoon in the Kansas City newspaper, will give her chance to reform and escape a prison sentence in the city jail for vagrancy.

The fire department was called yesterday morning shortly after 5 o'clock by an alarm of fire from box 53. The fire was at the yard of L. E. H. at the corner of Eleventh and Eleventh streets. It originated in a pile of slack which had been lying in the yard for a long time. The fire gathered momentum until it caught fire by spontaneous combustion. There was no damage done, and no water was thrown by the department.

Swanson music company, 335 Broadway.

Try Duquette & Co.'s Pomona fruit cough tablets. They are delicious.

O. Younker & Co. food and commission, 108 Broadway, Council Bluffs, Tel. 77.

Roasted Peanuts.

A brisk little blaze started at 10:30 o'clock last night in a fruit and confectionery store kept by William Rich, on Main street near the corner of 13th street. An alarm was sent in from box 31, at the corner of Broadway and Main street, and in a few minutes the department was on the scene. By the time the first stream was thrown the interior of the store was all ablaze, but the flames were soon extinguished after the building, which was a flimsy structure, had been damaged almost beyond repair. All the contents of the room were also destroyed except a couple of show cases of cigars and a few boxes of fruit which had been seized and carried across the street by a couple of young men who discovered the fire.

Indications point strongly to the fire being the work of an incendiary. The men who broke into the store and took out the show cases found a couple of barrels standing in the rear part of the room filled with shavings and kindling, and it is believed that the fire had originated there. The building had been shut up for the night by the proprietor about half an hour before the alarm was turned in. The building belonged to J. P. Casady, and is insured. Rich could not be found last night and it is not known whether the stock was covered by insurance or not.

Vacations for Blue Coats.

At the meeting of the city council this evening a petition will be presented by Chief of Police Cary, for the passage of a resolution granting the members of the police department five days' vacation during the year without reduction of salary. The Council Bluffs police have never been allowed any vacation, except for sickness, and even the business had to be done by a substitute or a disabled officer. It is claimed that the police of all cities are allowed more or less time of their own, in some cases a day each month being allowed. The chief is anxious to begin it easy, and will only ask for five days a year, trusting to the good nature of future councils to extend it as a sort of a merit system. The chief is naturally looked upon by the patrolmen with a great deal of favor, and if the council accedes to the request of the chief it will be a most merited blessing with brass buttons on them.

Gasoline and oil; coals, wood and coal; prompt delivery. L. G. Knotts, 27 Main, telephone 203.

Drs. Stewart & Patten, veterinary surgeons, 45 Fourth street, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Don't wear a heavy, ill-fitting suit when you can get elegant summer suits at eastern prices at Reiter's, the tailor, 310 Broadway.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Jacob Smith has returned from a visit to Oshkosh, Wis.

Lee Bennett returned yesterday morning from Chicago, where he has been working for the past year in the carpet department of Walker & Co. He is accompanied by a couple of weeks being visiting his parents.

Mrs. Hunt and daughter Kath, who have been visiting Mrs. Hunt's mother, Mrs. E. H. Louis, left for their home at Terry, Ia., Ind., last evening, accompanied by Mrs. Louis, who will visit there several weeks.

John L. Whipple left last evening for Stoughton, Mass., to attend the meeting of the National Association of Fire Engineers, to which he was elected a delegate at the meeting of the Stoughton Fire Association at Cedar Rapids, last spring. He will be in Detroit and take in the national grand army encampment, leaving for the east next week.

L. Williams left last evening for Detroit, to attend the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. He will also attend the great council of the United States of America, to be held at Detroit and take in the national grand army encampment, leaving for the east next week.

Upton Park races, Omaha and Council Bluffs, September 8-11, \$6,500; October 20-22, \$4,000. For program, address Nat. Bureau, Merchants hotel, Omaha.

Hotel Gordon, most centrally located, first class house in city; straight \$2.00 a day.

A Sunday Feast. The evening social of Council Bluffs was given at the residence of Rev. Mr. Hall, the pastor of the First Baptist church. The cause of the ecclesiastical war was the publication of a sensational account of trouble in the church, and the exclusion of two of its members. The pastor took occasion to correct some of the mistakes of the reporter. He denounced the paper and seemed especially hot because the reporter had declared that there had been secret meetings. The pastor declared that all his meetings were open even to reporters, and there was nothing done in any underground manner. Altogether the roast was well done.

Drs. Woodbury, dentists, 30 Pearl street, next to Grand hotel. Telephone 143. High grade work specialty.

Plenic at Manhattan beach. Round trip tickets from Omaha, including boat ride, 50c; on sale at news stands at Millard and Murray hotels.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS.

Peculiar Circumstances Surrounding the Home of A. S. McCrary.

RACY STORY OF A HAUNTED HOUSE.

Entire Family Suddenly Disturbed by the Restlessness of Alleged Ghosts—Probable Solution of the Mystery.

Bathed all night long in the radiance of the four electric lights, equating 8,000 candle power that surmount the summit of the tall tower at the Methodist church on Broadway, stands a little white frame house on the east side of Benton street next to the bridge over Indian creek and half a block from Broadway. There is not a tree around the place, and during the night it is light enough to all to read the finest print anywhere about the yard except in the shadows of the buildings, and in the daytime it is surrounded by the tall grass of the yard. There is nothing to attract attention to the place except an air of comfort, tidy, neatness, and the quaint old fashioned style of the cottage with its white painted sides and green window shutters.

For nearly a year and a half it has been the home of Mr. A. S. McCrary and his family of seven children, five of whom are grown. Since the first of May, however, the Scotch machanicist, at present working in the Sprague iron works, and is one of the oldest and best known citizens of Council Bluffs. He is a man of unquestioned integrity, and all the members of his family are highly respected Christian people, the young ladies being especially popular in their social circles.

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son who has staid with me in the house for the last year, have not seen or heard it. A few days ago Mrs. Davis, wife of one of the employes of the Rock Island and Mrs. Alexander, whose husband is connected with the American express, were respectively face only in the evening as they were sitting on the front porch. It came and went over Mrs. Alexander and made her scream with fright. No. I am not a spirit, but a member of the Methodist church. I cannot explain it. I only know that it is here, and I want to know if you can see it. The face of a young girl, a very sweet face, light complexion, blue eyes and long light hair. A lot of spiritualists came here last Thursday night and held a seance, as they call it, and I never saw another such a crowd here. They had two mediums, named Komptor and Davis. They claimed to conjure up the spirits of two other mortals, a man and a woman. They described the man as a tall dark fellow wearing a white hat and spectacles, and the woman as a dark haired beauty of a sweet face. The investigating party staid until midnight, but heard nothing of a sweet face girl is always here.

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ated. A program of addresses and other entertainments will be given in the superior court room. A committee of arrangements has been appointed, consisting of H. C. Raymond, Alexander Wood and J. P. Casady. The American express, respectively Casper, D. J. Smith and George Wheeler; T. P. Traynor and R. E. Williams will arrange the program, and J. C. Bonham, H. C. Raymond and Messrs. Rank and Hoyer will look after the exhibit. No efforts will be spared toward providing a hearty welcome for the visitors.

Word's Fair Commissioners More Than Pleas'd With the Outlook.

PANS, Aug. 2.—A reception was given in the town hall at Cherebourg today to officers of the Russian cruiser Koroff. The reception was attended by the officers of the American and Greek warships now in the harbor. The mayor in an address alluded to the visit of the French fleet to Constantinople as setting a seal on the friendship between France and Russia. He also alluded to the sympathy of Russia for France.

An Englishman named Wells, after winning \$20,000 at roulette at Monte Carlo left the table when his luck turned and transferred his play to the game of trente, gaining \$30,000 more by the system of coup des trois.

The Chicago fair commissioners were interviewed yesterday by a reporter starting for Berlin. Mr. Beck said: "I have talked with many large manufacturers in England and they are all in a strong disposition to send exhibits to Chicago."

Mr. Butterworth said: "I am really astonished at the proportion which the art districts of the world are making in the movement in England so marked in that direction. Here the ministers of arts and many artists are enthusiastic over the fair."

Mr. Lindsay said that before he came to Europe he had no conception of the wide range of prices quoted for already disseminated on this side of the Atlantic.

Another Mystery to Solve.

Body of a Young Girl Found in the Long Island Sound.

GENEVALE, L. I., Aug. 2.—To add to the large number of crimes another mysterious murder was revealed in this village today that will probably, like many others, never be solved. The victim this time is a pretty young girl, the body of which was found with dark hair and eyes and of petite figure.

The horrible crime was discovered shortly after 9 o'clock this morning by a man who was out picking blackberries in the swamps that abound near the villages of Glendale, Ridgewood and Freshpond. The body was found near a new house, which was built on a spot that was a notorious spot for the bodies of young girls who had been murdered.

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THE BEE BUREAU OF CLAIMS.

Who Compose Its Council and How It Is Managed.

ABLE JURISTS, EXAMINERS AND EXPERTS.

Beneficial Effects on Claimants of Recent Congressional Action—How to Prosecute Claims of All Kinds.

About sixty days ago a new departure was inaugurated by the San Francisco Examiner, now the leading paper on the coast. Its proprietor, Mr. Hearst, son of the late Senator Hearst of California, who has a very large fortune at his command, conceived the idea of establishing a bureau of claims at Washington, managed by the ablest lawyers and specialists conversant with the routine work in the various departments and bureaus of the government.

When the announcement of this new departure was made negotiations were at once entered into between the Bee and the proprietor of the Examiner to join hands and mutually share in the enterprise. These arrangements have been perfected and accessions entered into by which the Bee is to prosecute all claims arising in the territory where the Bee enjoys so extensive a subscription patronage.

Under this agreement all applications for claims, either for pensions, Indian depositions land or mining claims, patent or postal claims in the states of Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Nebraska, will be taken in hand by the Bee Bureau of Claims in Omaha and through it forwarded to headquarters at Washington where they will be prosecuted to a final and speedy conclusion.

The Bee takes pleasure in offering to all its patrons and particularly to subscribers to the Weekly Bee, the services of its new bureau which, without any doubt, will prove of great advantage to them, both in presenting new claims to a successful issue and in expediting all claims entrusted to the Bee bureau.

The Bee Bureau of Claims has frequently been referred to in these columns, but up to the present time, no reference has been made to the personnel which is its important work performed. This is one of the most interesting features connected with the enterprise.

The Bureau's Council.

To begin with, the services of the most eminent counsellors have been retained. These are A. L. Hughes, O. E. Welser, and F. A. Butler. They are designated "general counsellors." They are men of many years and learned in the law. They have made a specialty of practicing in the United States supreme court, and in the district courts, the United States court of claims and before all the departments and bureaus of the government. They are qualified to advise upon the general merits of any claim, as soon as it is presented. This saves a great deal of time, because, when a claim has been passed upon by them, it is generally one of the cases entitled to standing in court. When a claim is rejected by them, it means that it is either outlawed or that it lacks certain elements which would lead to its final approval.

Examiners and Experts.

Besides these gentlemen there are also practicing attorneys, an examiner and expert in each department in which the Bee prosecutes claims, namely, patents, pensions, postal and land claims and Indian depositions, in fact in any department in which a claim may arise against the government. These attorneys prepare the petitions and tend to the claims before the several courts, while the examiners and experts make a specialty of coaching the claimants and arranging the evidence necessary to strengthen the claim.

The gentleman charged with this duty regarding Indian claims has been the assistant chief examiner of these claims in the Indian bureau of the interior department for many years. His comprehensive knowledge of details, facts, status of and evidence in the cases heretofore filed or the outbreaks of which others yet to be filed have arisen, renders his services extremely valuable.

Then there is a general manager, John W. Hamilton, for years past a member of the legislative body of the San Francisco Examiner, with which the Bee is so co-operating. He is a man of universal information and is especially adapted to the position he now holds in the Bee bureau, the salaries now reaching at the present time \$1,800 per month.

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